

## RECOGNIZING ROXANNE WATSON

(Mr. LAWLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAWLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Roxanne Watson, a resident of the 17th Congressional District who is here in the gallery today.

Roxanne has dedicated herself to raising awareness about organ donation, serving as a patient advocate and as a transplant ambassador for Donate Life, WomenHeart, and the American Heart Association.

As the recipient of an organ donation herself, which saved her life, Roxanne has taken this issue head-on.

She has served as an advocate and volunteer with LiveOnNY for over a decade and as a volunteer with the New York Organ Donor Network, where she has used her platform to help increase the number of organ donors in Rockland County by over 15 percent in the past 20 years.

For these efforts, she has recently been recognized as a Guinness world-record holder having signed up over 13,000 individuals to become organ donors.

Roxanne Watson is a leader within our community and a role model for others, and I am honored to recognize her today on the House floor for her lifesaving efforts.

## HONORING IMPACTFUL BLACK LEADERS IN CENTRAL FLORIDA

(Mr. FROST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FROST. Madam Speaker, I rise today as Black History Month has come to a close in order to honor some of the most impactful Black leaders Central Florida has ever seen.

They blaze trails in my home State, making history by being the first Black Floridians to graduate from local schools, to serve on local city councils, run for city commissioner posts, and pass constitutional amendments.

Camille Evans, Sonya Hill, Dr. LaVon Bracy, Dr. Reverend Randolph Bracy, Commissioner Mable Butler, Dr. Alzo Reddick, Byron Brooks, Dr. Bridget Williams, Chester Glover, Denise Diaz, Representative Kamia Brown, and Barbara Chandler.

Each one of them has dedicated their lives to service in one way, shape, or form. Because of that, our State, community, and Nation are a better place.

Today and always, we celebrate their achievements and continue to honor Black excellence.

## PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LATE STATE REPRESENTATIVE KRIS JORDAN

(Mr. BALDERSON asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to pay tribute to the late State representative, Kris Jordan of Delaware County, who passed away unexpectedly this weekend.

Kris and I both entered the Ohio House of Representatives—in the minority—on the same day in 2009. Kris and I both moved over to the Ohio Senate in 2011, where he would eventually serve as my vice chairman on the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee.

Kris will be remembered as a public servant of strong convictions. He was also a relentless campaigner, going door-to-door year-round, even when he was uncontested. This earned him the respect and admiration of a loyal following in Delaware County, a community he served faithfully in various roles for virtually all of his adult life.

Our prayers continue to be with the many loved ones that Kris leaves behind, including his three young children, Macy, David, and Everly.

## RECOGNIZING EUGENE HARMOND

(Mrs. MCBATH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate a monumental milestone in the career of Mr. Eugene Harmond as part of our Black History Month celebrations. Mr. Harmond will soon celebrate 50 years of flight service with Delta Airlines.

Eugene Harmond was the first African-American male flight attendant hired by Delta Airlines in 1973 at a time when there were very few male flight attendants and even fewer men of color in the industry.

I served as a flight attendant for Delta Airlines for 30 years, and I would convey my profound gratitude and respect to Mr. Harmond as he marks 50 years of flight service this year.

Our commitment to kindness, caring, and safety instilled towards all those we serve always stays with you. I am honored to have Mr. Harmond, his wife, Loreine, and their daughter, Lokie in the House Gallery today.

From a former flight attendant and on behalf of the thousands of Americans you have served, congratulations and thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded not to refer to occupants in the gallery.

## SPEAK SOFTLY AND CARRY A BIG STICK

(Mr. JAMES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JAMES. Madam Speaker, South Africa's Government has recently adopted a worrying path highlighted by its refusal to clearly oppose Putin's

war of aggression in Ukraine and its shameful decision to host Russia and China for naval exercises on the war's anniversary.

I am a combat veteran. I have participated in both war games and war. Make no mistake, one is intended to prepare for the other.

In hard times it is easy to be seduced by the siren song of isolationism. Allowing vacuums of American influence around the world to be filled with Chinese yuan and Russian lies is a threat to our American economy and security at home.

We must speak softly and carry a big stick. And with our big stick, we must eliminate safe havens for terror organizations in Africa that would metastasize into direct threats to America in the Western Hemisphere; ensure that American-made goods both catalyze economic growth at home and help reduce long-term aid dependence in Africa; and eliminate slave labor in our battery supply chains starting with minerals stripped from Africa on the backs of Black children.

In a world where America is no longer the only choice, we must return to being the most desirable choice. It is in our vital national interest to ensure that when nations like South Africa have a choice between China or the United States of America, they will always choose America first.

## HONORING THE RADIANT RAYS PROGRAM

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of eastern North Carolina.

Today begins the start of Women's History Month. And I would take this time to acknowledge a group of young women who represent the best of eastern North Carolina.

During my Live the Dream Down East tour, I had the pleasure of visiting the Radiant Rays program at the Center for Energy Education in Roanoke Rapids.

The program allows students to visit colleges and corporate renewable industries while working with teachers and industry professionals to extend knowledge beyond classroom walls.

I was honored to spend time with the students of this program who emphasized why representation matters.

Madam Speaker, we must do all that we can to empower young women and girls to pursue STEM-related career paths. I will continue fighting to ensure the next generation of women, like our Radiant Rays, have the tools they need to thrive in the East.

## FAIRFIELD FALCONS GIRLS BASKETBALL 3A CHAMPIONS

(Mr. YAKYM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1